

MINUTES OF THE WELL INSTALLATION BOARD MEETING

Missouri Geological Survey Mozarkite Conference Room 111 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, Mo.

November 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Well Installation Board was held November 4, 2016, at the Missouri Geological Survey, 111 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, Mo. A quorum being present, Mr. Danny Flynn, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Danny Flynn, Mr. Robert Lawrence, Mr. Fred Schoen, Ms. Sharlene Morgan, Mr. Joe Gillman and Mr. Bob Broz.

Board Members Absent: None.

Legal Counsel: Mr. Brian Allard, Assistant Attorney General.

Staff Present: Ms. Carey Bridges, Mr. Kyle Rollins, Mr. Larry Pierce, Ms. Sherri Stoner, Mr. Chris Vierrether, Ms. Julia Katich-Mudd, Ms. Connie Edwards, Ms. Tracey Mason and Mr. Scott Kaden.

Guests Present: Beth Marsala, James Cook, Linda Cook, Missouri Water Well Association (MWWA); Lindell Lindsey, A&M Pump Service and MWWA; Richard Linebaugh, Hewitt-Messenger and MWWA; David Rosemann.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Danny Flynn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself. Chair Flynn asked the Board members to introduce themselves, followed by staff and the audience.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2016, MEETING

The Chairman asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the May 20, 2016, meeting. Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Broz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Ms. Carey Bridges, Director, Geological Survey Program, updated the Board on Ms. Annetta St. Clair's resignation and recognized her service to the Board, new department director Mr. Harry Bozoian, legislative update, and 5-year rule review process.

SECTION UPDATES

The Chairman recognized Mr. Rollins, Chief, Wellhead Protection Section, who updated the Board on the following items: new technician position, IT update, permit renewals, online system training offered to contractors, missing records investigation in Amish community, and a similar investigation in a Cooper County Mennonite community. Mr. Rollins gave a presentation of the year-end data to include: 171 variances, 162 casing depth requests, 631 sunshine requests, 7,693 incoming calls, 2,848 incoming email messages, 12,153 pieces of mail received, 37 education presentations, 22 compliance assistance visits, 143 administrative cases assigned, 141 administrative cases resolved, 23 administrative letters of warning (LOW) issued, 3 field LOWs issued, 27 field cases assigned, 37 field cases resolved, 359 heat pump prenotifications received, 24 heat pump pre-notifications witnessed, 44 permit pre-notifications received, 5 permit pre-notifications witnessed, 72 tests administered, 31 lost well sites inspected with 68 wells reported lost or destroyed and 7 found to exist and required to be plugged, 3,089 water well records received, 1,377 pump records received, 1,413 monitoring well records received, 499 heat pump records received, 2,506 well plugging records received, 107 reconstruction records received, 131 public water system notifications received, 83 online water well records, 121 online pump records, 55 online heat pump records, 214 online monitoring well records, 248 online plugging records, and 213 online permit renewals.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND AND FEE STRUCTURE

Mr. Rollins presented information on the fund and comparison to previous years as well as future projections. Staff recommended the fees remain at the current level for the next fiscal year.

PERMIT PETITIONS

The Chairman recognized Mr. Rollins who stated no permit petitions were received.

RULE UPDATE

The Chairman recognized Mr. Rollins who updated the Board on the status of current rulemaking: plugging rule, with management for review; appeals and variance rules are with department legal; types of wells rule will be rescinded and combined with the definitions rule; water well construction rules are nearing completion with anticipated stakeholder meetings in spring of 2017; multi-family and high yield well rules are ready for management review; and a review of test hole and the permit rules have not been started.

STATE WATER PLAN

The Chairman recognized Ms. Sherri Stoner, Project Manager, Water Resources Center, who presented information on the state water plan.

OIL AND GAS RULE REVISIONS

The Chairman recognized Mr. Vierrether who gave a presentation on the conversion of oil and gas wells to domestic water wells.

MISSOURI WATER WELL ASSOCIATION

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled to be held 10 a.m., Mon., Feb. 20, 2017, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, Mo., in conjunction with the Missouri Water Well Association Convention. Mr. Lawrence made a motion and withdrew it as a vote is not necessary. Additional tentative 2017 meeting dates: Fri., May 19; Fri., Aug. 18; Fri., Nov. 3 at the Missouri Geological Survey in Rolla, Mo.

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR NEXT CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Lawrence moved that the Well Installation Board meet in closed session at the next regular board meeting for the purpose of discussing matters protected from disclosure by law as provided for in Section 610.021, RSMo., including but not limited to: legal actions, pending litigation, and attorney-client privileged matters with the Board's attorney. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Lawrence, yes; Mr. Schoen, yes; Mr. Broz, yes; Ms. Morgan, yes; Mr. Gillman, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Ms. Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Broz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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